

JEWS QUARREL OVER JAFFA

Terrorists Reprimanded By Hagana

Contemplate Possibility Of War

Washington, Apr. 26. It was disclosed today that the Defence Secretary (Mr. James Forrestal) believes the United States must "contemplate the possibility of war" in attacking United States military plants.

And the Army Chief of Staff (General Omar Bradley) admits military leaders are a "little bit more afraid something will happen than we were three months ago".

These candid statements in current military thinking were made to the Senate Armed Forces Committee last Wednesday when the defense chiefs first presented their compromise 66-group air force plan.

Senator Chay Gurney today made public the transcript of a secret session with some delegations.

Mr. Forrestal told Senators he believed present world tensions "are permanent". He said last year military leaders based plans on the "assumption of no immediate danger of war."

"We think now that you have to contemplate the possibility of war."

General Bradley agreed. He said that up to two or three months ago the Army did not envisage any immediate war danger. He added, "We are not sure now that there will be no war right away."—United Press.

Strike Threatens Milan

Milan, Apr. 20. A general strike threatened the largest Italian industrial city today following last night's riot in which one policeman was killed and over 25 persons injured.

The Communist-controlled Milan Chamber of Labour met last night immediately after the riot to consider a strike to protest the "police provocation" in taking action against unauthorised demonstrations by uniformed partisans. Having failed to reach agreement the Chamber resumed deliberation this morning.

Less serious riots than those in Milan occurred last night in Turin and Brescia when extreme leftist partisans held unauthorised strikes in commemorating the third anniversary of the liberation.

In Brescia, over ten persons were injured when jeep-riding police, swinging night-sticks, charged leftist partisans.—United Press.

UN Plans For Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Apr. 26. The Jewish offensive against Jaffa was resumed today by Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists despite repeated requests—which threatened to erupt into clashes—by Hagana to leave the Arab city alone.

The clatter of gunfire, explosions of bombs and mortars began about 11 a.m. and subsided after about an hour.

Casualties could not be immediately learned.

Bullets from Jaffa hit high buildings inside Tel-Aviv.

Jaffa has been one of the most persistent trouble spots in Palestine since hostilities broke out after the United Nations voted for partition.

A Hagana spokesman today denied the reported encirclement of Lydda airport. Officials of the Palestine Government and British police still occupied the airfield.

A flare-up at Lydda is expected as soon as the British evacuate the airport.

Arabs Flec

The police said 1,000 Arabs fled yesterday as the Jews battered the city with mortars in the fiercest attack of the five-month "war."

The police Superintendent (J.M. Flanagan) said at least four persons were killed and 82 wounded as the Irgunists' mortars, firing from No Man's Land between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, hammered the heart of the Jaffa business section.

Mr. Flanagan said Irgun forces were reported driven back after seizing the railway station and the big Moshav police station and had not been able to hold any part of the Arab city.

A Hagana broadcast last night accused the Irgun of "indulging in dangerous adventures."

To Safeguard Jerusalem

At Lake Success, the United Nations' General Assembly today began top priority action to safeguard Jerusalem and make the Holy City an island of peace in embattled Palestine.

The Political and Security Committee of the Assembly dropped for the time being discussion of the over-all Palestine problem. It turned to the heavily backed French proposal which would authorise immediate steps to place Jerusalem and its Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places in the care of the United Nations.

The Committee convened with the understanding it will not tackle the main Palestine problem until the matter of Jerusalem had been disposed of. Concentration on the Holy City drove the debate here. It may be impossible for the United Nations to form a new government for Palestine in the 25 days left be-

fore the end of the mandate.

The separate strike by lighter partisans also appeared to have been broken. One thousand partisans today were unloading ships in the roads outside the harbour area.

Individual settlements were reached with unions by 16 out of 20 lighter contractors. It was announced.—Associated Press.

Abdullah To Lead Arab Legion

Cairo, Apr. 26.

A well-informed source said today that King Abdullah of Transjordan will lead his British-trained Arab Legion against the Jews in Palestine immediately.

This source, one of the best informed in Cairo, said this was decided in a conference of Abdullah with other Arab leaders on Saturday.

He said Abdullah would lead the movement in person.

Some 10,000 of Abdullah's soldiers—about two thirds of the Arab Legion—already are in Palestine on security duty with the British.

Transjordan is just across the Jordan River east of Palestine. The British recognize it by treaty as an independent kingdom.

The informant said the Arabs fear the proposed Jewish State in Palestine will become an accomplished fact unless the Arab Volunteer Army now in that country is supplemented once with regular troops.

He reported the conference has decided to stop the flow of oil through the pipeline from Iraq to Haifa.

The Amman conference closely followed the latest Jewish military success in Palestine—the capture of most of Haifa.

To Inform Saudi

Besides Abdullah those attending were Regent Abdul Ilah of Iraq and his Minister of Defence and Army Chief of Staff, the Lebanese Premier, Head of Both

New Birth Certificate Ordinance

An Ordinance to provide for an additional type of birth certificate is to have its first reading in Legislative Council tomorrow.

The object of the Bill is to authorise the Governor in Council to make regulations under section 28 of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1934, and under section 13 of the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance, 1947, to provide for the issue by a registrar in the General Registrar Office, of certificates of birth in shortened form and at a reduced fee of fifty cents. The regulations to be made will contain the form of the certificate. Such certificate will omit all reference to parentage, and in respect of adopted children, all reference to adoption.

The Bill does not interfere with the existing right of any person to obtain the ordinary forms of birth certificate at present issued under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1934, and the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance, 1947.

The Bill follows closely the provisions of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1947.

The refugee said a schooner mounting mortars also joined the flotilla.

Hagana men, the informant said, were driven back by the Acre defenders when they reached the outskirts of the town.

Because of the prevailing tension Passover this year was observed by the Jews in a restrained manner.

In Tel-Aviv not only have many families no relatives from other parts of the country with them but members of their own families are also absent on "defence duty," some near home and some in remote settlements.

As in the days of the exodus itself the people had no time to leave their bread and many Passover meals were prepared rather hurriedly.

In Jerusalem, no Jew could go to the Wailing Wall. Near the Wall 1,000 Jews in the ghetto faced a hostile population of Arab neighbours—35,000 strong—and ready to march into the Jewish quarters when word comes from the Arab High Command.

In Tel-Aviv no Arabs came from Jaffa. They traditionally do on the eve of Passover to buy left-over bread.

The big market in the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem was less well provided than in previous years.

In the market of Tel-Aviv, on the border of the twin cities, the streets had high walls built across them at many points to keep out Arab bullets. They left only a small passage with warning posters "Danger: do not proceed beyond this point!"—United Press.

Pai's Statement

General Pai, in a statement to reporters before the luncheon, said: "When I see the Generalissimo, I will suggest to him that neither Government nor party should accept any pressure to restrain the freedom of the delegates in casting their votes."

According to local press reports tonight, supporters of Generals Li Tsung-jen and Cheng Chien have formed themselves into a solid block and declared that "they will not vote for Dr. Sun Fo."

Meanwhile, the National Assembly Presidium held a meeting this afternoon to receive reports from the committee appointed to intercede in the election dispute.

The Young China Party and Social Democrats, in a statement issued today, criticised the action of the three Vice-Presidential candidates in withdrawing from the elections as "hasty and unwise", and expressed apprehension over the "future of democracy in China".

The Presidium, following the afternoon's meeting, declared that it could not arbitrate further in the election dispute and has decided to "leave the matter with the National Assembly delegates" themselves.

However, the Presidium declared a further day's recess for tomorrow. A spokesman stated later that the National Assembly will meet again on Wednesday when it is hoped that a third ballot will be held.

"At the present moment supporters of General Li Tsung-jen say the general will not run in the future Vice-Presidential race. No reasons were advanced for this decision.—Reuters-AAP.

Stop Press

Nanking, Apr. 26. General Li Tsung-jen tonight reiterated his determination not to recall his withdrawal from the Vice-Presidential race in spite of the persuasiveness of the National Assembly.

He blamed party jealousy for his stand, declaring that his opponents want as far as to "accuse me of being backed by the Communists and receiving Communist funds for my campaign."

General Li's decision not to re-enter the Vice-Presidential race leaves the whole election picture nowhere nearer a settlement.

He had a final interview with the Generalissimo to-night and announced that preparations were underway for a return to his military headquarters in North China.

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mediately rushed to the ship's company, Ta Hing Shipping Co., No. 2, Ice House Street, St. George's Building, from where he was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital by ambulance.

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A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27118).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gates.

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Language Confusion

The language difficulty cropped up during the extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-cheng, alias Chu Kai-chong, former director-general of the Chinese Government-controlled Postal Remittance and Savings Bank of Shanghai, who was alleged to have defrauded the Chinese Postal Bank of CN\$2,850,000.

At yesterday's hearing at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, a prosecution witness, Ho Ka-yu, under cross-examination by defence counsel, Mr. Leo d'Almeida Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva, tied up both counsel and Court at one stage.

Objection by Crown Counsel, Mr. Lonsdale, to certain questions added to the confusion.

The matter was cleared up by the Magistrate, who suggested to defence counsel that he tackle the point from another angle.

Witness, sub-manager of the Postal Bank, at the last hearing, had explained the procedure whereby foreign exchange could be procured during the latter half of 1948. He had also illustrated how Powell and Sons, Ltd., had obtained exchange from the Central Bank through the Postal Bank.

His client, counsel contended, acted under instruction from his customer, and there was no attempt to swindle the public. It was a technical offense.

Health Insp. Fowler in his evidence in chief said that at 12.05 p.m. on March 31, he visited the poultry killing room, Central Market, and found the defendant holding a rubber syringe, with one end in a tin of water. On seeing him the defendant put the quails, tin and tube under a sink and ran away.

Questioned as to his master's identity, defendant refused to identify, and was then asked if he had similar figures entered in them.

Slitting on behalf of the Chinese Government is Mr. Peter H. Sin, while Chief Inspector W.W. Williamson represented the police.

Hearing was adjourned to to-day.

Attempt To Create Kowloon Flower Mart

The recent raids by Health Department and Police officials on flower vendors along Nathan Road and other parts of Tsimtsui were carried out in conformity with Government's policy to rid the streets of unlicensed hawkers, the "China Mall" learned from reliable sources yesterday.

Since the re-issue of licences, the competent authorities have allocated sites for six flower-stalls at Middle Road, behind the Far East Motors garage, with the view of creating a "flower market" on the pattern of Hong Kong's "flower street" at D'Aguilar Street near Lan Kwai Fong.

Of these six sites, three have been taken up and stalls erected. Another successful applicant waited at the idea of expending \$150 or so on the erection of a stall when informed by the other three holders that only very negligible volume of business could be transacted daily, due to the competition offered by the unlicensed vendors.

Two or three of those unlicensed sellers, it was further learned, have been warned on numerous occasions to cease business. One of them, a young man in his early twenties, was even warned by the Magistrate to "pack up" or else to bring his aged mother to the Urban Council to obtain a licensed pitch, as he was too able-bodied for a licence to be issued to him. He not only ignored the Police and Health Department warnings but also the advice of the Magistrate.

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EVADEN TAXI FARE

Bail in the sum of \$100 was forfeited by Benny Cantillar, Spanish-Hawaiian seaman of s.s. "President Monroe," when he failed to appear before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to answer the charges of evading payment of \$1 taxi fare and of assaulting the driver, Yuen Cheung, at Nathan Road on April 23.

Cuisine Peculiarities Phase In Court Case

Chinese cuisine and its peculiarities formed a phase of the hearing of a charge of injecting fluid into quails brought up at Central Magistracy yesterday by Health Inspector A. W. Fowler against a 22-year-old boy of a Central Market poultry stall.

The Chinese have a peculiar manner of preparing roast birds, Mr. A. S. C. Comber, representing Ke Kwan, No. 7 Graham Street, told the Magistrate. To make the skin brittle, a simple method was to inject air into the bird to separate the skin from the flesh.

Mr. Comber pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client to the standing charge but guilty to one of injecting air which the prosecution refused to accept. Air was injected into the animal skin from the carcass.

Ko Kwan, counsel explained, was a hawker in poultry and game. He had sold four quails for 90 cents each. He was then instructed by his customer, who bought them for a birthday party, to kill the birds and prepare them for a special dish, which required the special treatment of making the skin brittle.

"This is a case of violation of bye-laws, and I, therefore, fine defendant \$100."

Pang denied he had any tickets. He offered to be searched and denied calling out.

Police Raid Sweep Ticket Sellers

A police raid outside Exchange Building on sweep ticket sellers had a sequel at Central Magistracy yesterday when a 20-year-old male and a 17-year-old girl appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with the illegal selling of tickets.

Fang, Wo, pleading not guilty, was convicted and fined \$50 or 15 days' imprisonment. Lee Kum, also pleading not guilty, was remanded 24 hours as the constable who arrested her was under medical treatment. She was allowed bail of \$50.

Pang, who denied possessing sweep tickets, said he was waiting outside Exchange Building for a friend who had promised him a job.

He had some money on him which was to be used for medicine for his mother.

Lee said she was sent by her mistress to buy tickets.

PC 2394 told the Court that he was one of the party which raided the area. He heard Pang calling out "\$2.20 a piece" and arrested him. He then told him to stay put while he arrested two other men. While he was engaged with the others, witness said, he saw Pang throwing away tickets.

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I had a friend—once; an artist whom skill I greatly admired, and who, because of this, I helped in many ways. Subsequently, I lost this man's goodwill when I declined to support an exhibition that he was putting up, ostensibly in aid of some very worthy cause. The exhibition was held, without any assistance from me; and it netted for the artist, I believe, quite a decent profit. Let me add that I am not casting a reflection upon any artist who has held an exhibition in the Colony in recent months, I ought to say that the incident I have described took place before the Pacific War.

Then there was that "clergyman" who went about Hong Kong collecting donations for certain missionary work, which occupation seemed quite remunerative for "his reverence", for he did not particularly appear to be living in asceticism. But it would have been very illuminating if that "reverend" gentleman explained how he came by his venerable title, or how he disposed of the "savings" of the many zealots who believed that they were laying up treasures where moths do not eat nor thieves break-through-and-steal.

I am prepared to disclose to the competent authorities, if it serves any useful purpose now, the identity of the two gentlemen mentioned above, although the former has already passed beyond the pale of human justice. As for the "padre", I do not know whether he is still enjoying the all-embracing hospitality of this British Colony; for he has been very quiet of late; anyway, I have not heard of him for months. Very likely, he is obeying his Master's injunction and doing good in secret. On the other hand, he may be like a voracious python after a heavy meal, sleeping off his last meal.

N. T. FRAUD

Mr. Bernacchi added that Wong had not been pleaded by defendants that Wong had any authority to receive money on behalf of plaintiffs. This was a matter for defendants to prove and not the plaintiffs.

After testimony by Tso Hak-on, hearing was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. today.

MERELY A CONTACT MAN

In the course of his opening, Mr. Bernacchi said that at the relevant time the partners in the plaintiff corporation consisted of Tso Hak-on, Li Yuk-wan and Chan Kam-kun. A man named Wong Man-kei was employed by the plaintiffs as a salesman and it was his duty to obtain orders for plaintiffs. This man was provided with a list of goods which plaintiffs were prepared to buy and the prices they were prepared to pay. He was not in any way authorised to negotiate conditions of sale or to receive the purchase price. He was merely a contact man.

PC 1358, Yu Ping-wah and PC 1370, Lo Ho-chuen, both 26 years of age, were found not guilty by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of demanding, with menaces, \$30 from Wan Shun at Woosung Street on March 19.

The Magistrate recommended that both accused should be dealt with departmentally on the two counts of beating up and not arresting complainant.

Det. Sub-inspector V.M. Morrison appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for both accused.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 23rd May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

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MONTLY TICKETS

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Office of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. E. TERRY,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

New tickets (for passengers not holding a ticket for the previous month) can be obtained at the Traffic Office only from 30th April.

V. WALKER

Acting General Manager

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. E. Terry,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court, has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 18th day of May 1948.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 21st day of May 1948.

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Extremist Plot

Helsinki, Apr. 26. Extremists members of the Finnish Communist Party planned to overthrow the Coalition Government and seize power this month while Finland was concluding negotiations with the Soviet Union for a military assistance pact.

According to the Social Demokrati, organ of the Social Democratic Party, the revolutionaries changed their plans when they learned of counter measures taken by the Government. —Reuters.

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COMMUNIST RIOTS IN MILAN

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Machine-Gunning Of Tramcar

Milan, Apr. 25. Rifle-swinging police, aided by a timely rain storm, today broke up Italy's first post-election riot. Communists provoked and guided the wild demonstration in Milan's famed Cathedral Square.

For an hour police in jeeps and armoured cars fired into the air and charged time after time into the lines of 25,000 partisan fighters who were being led by Communists.

Panicky residents of the city cheered as heavy police reinforcements arrived. The Communists apparently fired at the police. A passer-by was known to have been injured and a national policeman killed by a bullet which reportedly was not from police guns.

A tram came under a burst of machinegun fire, but its terrified passengers escaped injury.

This was the third anniversary of Italy's liberation from the Germans, and the partisans were allowed to celebrate with a meeting in the courtyard of Storozzo Castle. There, the underground fighters of the war heard Luigi Longo, Italy's No. 2 Communist, declare:

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Polio In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 25. One of six European victims of the infantile paralysis outbreak in Singapore died today in Middleton Hospital. This was the second death since the outbreak started here last week.—Reuter.

Barges Held Up

Berlin, Apr. 25. Barges held up at a Soviet checkpoint on the river Elbe since last Tuesday began to enter the British Zone today. It was officially announced. The barge skippers had been told by the Soviet authorities not to re-enter the Soviet Zone without first obtaining new documents, the announcement said.

As the British authorities have no information about these new documents, it is unlikely that water traffic into, or through, the Soviet Zone will be renewed until the position is further clarified, it added.

The French Military Government today instituted a motor bus service between Berlin and Brunswick after Thursday's cancellation by the Russians of two express coaches.—Reuter.

HOSTAGES FREED

Athens, Apr. 25. One thousand villagers carried off by guerrillas in the Nafplio region were freed and 8,000 sheep and cattle stolen by the guerrillas were recovered in the Greek Government offensive in the mountain heights between Thermopylae and the Gulf of Corinth, tonight's Greek General Staff communiqué said.—Reuter.

Danger Of Spanish Question

London, Apr. 25. The Observer, in a copyrighted story, said today that the question of Spain "has emerged as the most dangerous possible cause of a political rift between Western Europe and the United States and it is felt in London that the time has come for direct discussions between the Foreign Ministers of the Brussels powers, Italy and the United States regarding Spain."

The article said the new factors in the Spanish situation were: firstly, Italian Premier De Gasperi's victory shattered Franco's claim that Communism cannot be resisted by the normal workings of political democracy and "there is a greater chance than ever for swinging away all respectable supporters from the present régime."

Secondly, good progress has been made in the Paris negotiations between Spanish Republicans and monarchists and an agreement is "at last" within grasp.

Thirdly, the Western Union and Italy are fully agreed on the desirability of associating Spain with the Marshall plan and the undesirability of doing so as long as democracy is not restored.—United Press.

Bombay, Apr. 25. One person was killed and three wounded when the Calcutta mail train was derailed about 174 miles northwest of here early today.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m. and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.45 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T. 12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children (Studio).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Here We Are Again" with Rita Williams, Mai Bacon, Harry Hudson Joseph McNulty, The Four Clubmen & Anton & Orch. (OBRS); 1.02 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the piano.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter and the Wolf" (Story); 6.15 p.m.—"Island Morning"; ... Read by Captain Flint. (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Grajeda and His Orchestra.

6.50 p.m.—"See You" on Sport (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Viola Solos.

7.25 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Alleen Woods. (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.

8.30 p.m.—"Merry-Go-Round" (BBC.T.S.).

9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—"The Royal Silver Wedding" including a Special Message from Their Majesties The King and Queen. (London Relay).

9.45 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

10.00 p.m.—Radio Nawa Reel (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.30 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

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H K 2 7 5 4
D A K J 3
C None

S 6 7 5 3
H 8 0
D 8 5 4
C A 9 7

S 2
J 10 9 2
H Q 3 2
D Q 10 6
C K 9 5

(Dealer: North. North-South, vulnerable.)

North East South West
1 H 2 C 2 H Pass
2 S Pass 3 H Pass
4 D Pass 5 D Pass
5 H Pass 5 S Pass

East led the club Q against

that funny bidding, the K and A covering and the spade A ruffing it. Now please consider the South hand as if it were the declarer's and North's the dummy. That will help the average player to catch the idea of reverse play. Under this plan, South's trumps will be used for trump leads and North's for whatever ruffing is done.

The declarer is pretty sure East must have had the heart A for his one bid, so to the second lead brings the heart 4 from North to the 10 and Q. Now he ruffs the club 9 with the spade 4, leads the diamond 3 to the 10 and then eliminates South's last lead, the 5, by ruffing with the spade K.

He lays down North's last trump, the Q, goes to the South with the diamond J to the 10 and lays down the spade J, 10 and 9 to clear West of trumps. The diamond A, followed by the K brings a discard of the heart 3 and the last trick is given up to the heart A.

Study will show that, if North tries to set up his own hand, he can't possibly do it against West's holding of four trumps.

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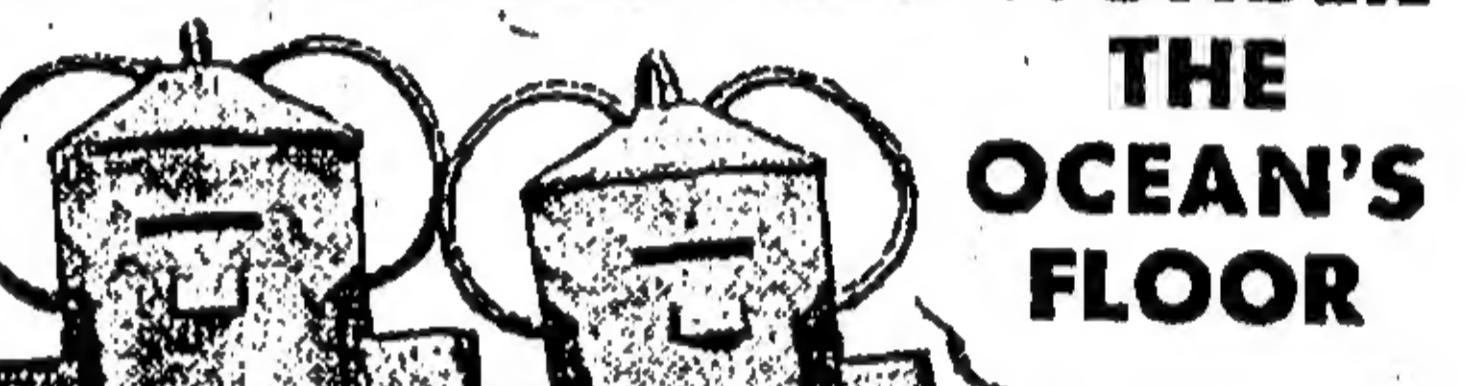
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DEATH

AZEVEDO.—On Tuesday, April 20, 1948 at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, Jose (Jimmy) Maria D'Azvedo, aged 46 years, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Eliza D'Encarnacao D'Azvedo, father of Lucio and brother of Mrs. B. Hyndman, Freddy and Albert.

THE FREE INFORMATION PROBLEM

The resolution on freedom of information adopted at Geneva is remarkable, first of all, for the fact that it has the assent of 30 nations. Never before have the principles of a free press been laid down by a group of international representatives of governments. Whatever this resolution may add to the candlepower of truth, it must be acknowledged as a landmark.

In assessing its meaning, many considerations arise, and some of them are vexing. The sixth principal point says press personnel should organize one or more non-official organizations of persons employed in the collection and dissemination of news "to counteract the spreading of intentionally false or distorted reports which promote hatred or prejudiced against states, persons or groups of different race language, religion or philosophical convictions."

Superficially, this seems a sensible enough proceeding, but you run immediately into the question of proving intent when you talk about false or distorted reports. In freedom of the press there is the right to be wrong. That is what makes it freedom. Under a democratic form of government there is even a "right" to be venal, cynical and sinister in a publication, and such a publication cannot be penalized except by the laws of libel or corrupt practices when they happen to apply.

So while we do not argue that the right to be wrong should include any real protection to the venal or corrupt, there is always the very delicate and elusive question of the motive in being wrong. History is studded with examples of "wrong" information which has proved right in the end and with examples of charges of corruption being applied to the editor who was at worst stupid.

Non-official organisations of the working press will never find it easy to pin down the "intentionally false or distorted report." We are sceptical of the desirability of their trying.

Apart from this reservation, we indulge the hope that the freedom of information resolution will possibly accomplish some good when plastered on the walls of newsrooms over that part of the non-Communist world which subscribes to it. Certainly there should be a more general guarantee of the right of newsmen to have the widest possible access to sources of information, to travel unhampered and to transmit copy without unreasonable or discriminatory limitations.

Living up to it is the rub. That is impossible without peace, for you have nothing resembling full freedom of information in war, and until peace is much more secure than it is now, all such efforts as this will have hard going to enlarge press freedoms.

The attempt seems altogether worth while if not too much is expected of it. For, in the final analysis, the Geneva charter for freedom of information is primarily quantitative. It says (right-



The Tenth Instalment

"AND THEY WANTED PEACE"

M. Flandin says that he rejoined that the only way to ensure this was to stop Hitler's aggression while such action was still possible. France had no wish to drag Great Britain into war; she asked for no practical aid, and she would herself undertake what would be a simple police operation, as, according to French information, the German troops in the Rhineland had ordered to withdraw if opposed in a forcible manner. All that France asked of her ally was a true

France was thrown into incertainty, amid which fear of war and relief that it had been avoided predominated. The simple English were taught by their simple Press to comfort themselves with the reflection: "After all the Germans are only going back to their own country. How should we feel if we had been kept out of, say, Yorkshire, for 10 or 15 years?"

No one stopped to note that the retreat points from which the German Army could invade France had been advanced by 100 miles. No one worried about the proof given to all the powers of the "Little Entente" and to Europe that France would not fight, and that England would hold her back, even if she would.

During this exciting period my own personal fortunes were, it now appears, discussed in high quarters. The Prime Minister, under constant pressure, had decided at last to create a new Ministry—not of Defence, but of the Co-ordination of Defence.

I did not consider the constitution of the new office and its powers satisfactory. But I would gladly have accepted the post, and my confidence that knowledge and experience would prevail.

Apparently (according to Mr. Felling) the German entry into the Rhineland on March 7 was decisive against my appointment.

It was certainly obvious that Hitler would not like it.

On March 9 Mr. Baldwin selected Sir Thomas Inskip, an able lawyer, who had the advantage of being little known himself and knowing nothing about military subjects.

The Prime Minister's choice was received with astonishment by Press and public.

To me this definite and as it seemed final exclusion from all share in our preparations for defence was a heavy blow. I had to be very careful not to lose my

voice in the great discussions and debates which crowded upon us and in which I was often prominent. I had to control my feelings and appear serene, indifferent, detached. In this endeavour continuous recurrence to the safety of the country was a good and simple rule.

In order to steady and absorb my mind I planned in outline a history of what had happened since the Treaty of Versailles down to the date we had reached. I even began the opening chapter, and part of what I wrote then finds its place without the need of alteration in this present book. I did not, however, carry this project very far because of the press of events, and also of the current literary work by which I earned my pleasant life at Chartwell.

Moreover by the end of 1936 I became absorbed in my "History of the English-Speaking People," which I actually finished before the outbreak of war and which will some day be published. Writing a long and substantial book is like having a friend and companion at your side, to whom you can always turn for comfort and amusement, and whose society becomes more attractive as a new and widening field of interest is lighted in the mind.

Mr. Baldwin certainly had good reason to use the last flickers of his power against one who had exposed his mistakes so severely and so often! He thought no doubt that he had dealt me a politically fatal stroke, and I felt he might well be right. How little can we foresee the consequences either of wise or unwise action, of virtue or of malice!

Mr. Baldwin knew no more than how great was the service he was doing me in preventing me from becoming involved in all the Cabinet compromises and short comings of the next three years, and from having, if I had remained a Minister, to enter

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Europe's Culture The Answer

London, Apr. 25.
Politicians and churchmen of seven nations met today to organise a campaign of "Christian action" for rebuilding Western Europe.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the gathering that economic and political organisations are not enough.

"It is the soul and culture of Western Europe that has been the mainspring of its contribution to world civilisation," he said, "and it is to the reinvigoration of that soul that we must bend our energies if we are to succeed."

Lord Halifax declared that Christianity must be just as intense as Communism if it is to prevail in the world today.

"Their creed is to them a religion and they work for the conversion of the world with an intensity and untiring pertinacity that few religious movements have been able to command," he said.

The meeting was called by Dean L. J. Collins of Oriel College, Oxford. Present were Government officials and church representatives of Britain, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden and Italy.—Associated Press.

Primary Elections Wide-Open Race

Washington, Apr. 25.
The wide-open race for the Republican Presidential nomination neared the halfway mark today and heads into the stretch on Tuesday.

On that day, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania pick their delegates to the Republican National Convention. Massachusetts controls 35 votes, while "pivotal" Pennsylvania swings 7.

There are 1,094 delegates to the convention. Some 500 delegates already have been chosen by other States, so that more than half the delegates will have been selected when the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania primaries are wound up.

Neither primary is expected to have any surface effect on the Presidential contest, although several factors may change that. For example, Pennsylvania provides voters with a blank "write-in" space to express their choice.

ARMY CAMP RAIDED

Tel Aviv, Apr. 25.
It was officially announced today that armed Jews raided an Army camp near Ramleh and stole £150,000 worth of radio transmitters.—United Press.

SOCIALIST BACK-BITING

Rome, Apr. 25.
Italian left-wing Socialists perturbed by their defeat when allied with the Communists in last weekend's elections, today expressed disapproval of "the foolish behaviour of our present party leaders."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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Shinwell On Coal Inquiry

London, Apr. 25. Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and former Minister of Fuel, told a meeting in the Eastington mining area of Durham today that the nationalised coal industry was "working very well, having regard to the unfavourable circumstances."

Mr. Shinwell referred to a report—already published—that the Government was to authorise an inquiry into the working of the National Coal Board.

"Parliament has accepted nationalisation and we are determined there will be no monkeying about with the administration of nationalisation by busybodies who would be far better employed promoting efficiency in private industry," he said.

He had no doubt that there would be a House of Commons debate on the activities of the National Coal Board.

"We cannot expect to achieve the production figures everybody desires until there is an efficient machinery established in the pits," Reuter.

Attack On The West

London, Apr. 25. Pravda today attacked the Western Powers for the resumption of the conference on German questions, renewing its charges that the representatives of the United States, Britain and France had no power to make decisions regarding Germany's future.

A despatch, written by J. V. Stalin and broadcast by Radio Moscow, stated: "It is not difficult to see that not one item on the agenda is within the competence of the London conference. All of them are exclusively the prerogative of the Council of Foreign Ministers, which alone can make decisions on these questions. No other decision can or will have the force of law and international authority."—United Press.

Now, Before It Is Too Late

London, Apr. 25. The influential Sunday newspaper, "The Observer," in a five-column editorial surveying the threatening war, said today that the "only basis on which to negotiate successfully with the Kremlin is one of ready armed strength."

The Observer said that any agreement with Russia would have to include Soviet yielding on two vital questions, those of international atomic control and the future of Germany.

The Observer said, "As long as no actual force confronts Russia in Europe, attempts to reach a final peace settlement may only increase the danger of immediate war by inviting miscalculations on her part."

"The essential thing is that we should be able to negotiate with Russia on the basis of actual, not potential, armed strength before Russia is equipped to wage an atomic war. Afterward it will be too late. For if Russia is once able to use atomic weapons, she will be less than ever likely to yield in the vital issue of international control and the world will live unbearably on the edge of an appalling catastrophe."

Our Need

"A decisive advantage in military strength, therefore, is what we need. Once that obtains, there will be a period during which a tolerable settlement with Russia might be reached without war. That clearly must be the prime aim and object of the Western policy. Such a solution, and nothing less, would give the United Nations a chance to be of value."

The Western Powers' military strength, the Observer said, should have placed the Lubbecke-Trieste line to halt any Soviet drive into Western Europe to submarine bases and "offer present help to the strategically vital Scandinavian Peninsula which the West could never again afford to lose to an enemy power."

The Observer said that the Western European force could have built the framework of Allied occupation forces, but would require a unified command "which might be known as the Rhine Commission" and the supreme planning authority.

It suggested that Britain might concentrate on the production of lighter planes, France on field ordnance and Canada on bombers and tanks.—United Press.

Stories Grossly Untrue

Sydney, Apr. 25. The Australian Chaplain-General, Father McCarthy, and the Rev. A. H. Stewart, refused to comment on their investigations in Japan into the moral behaviour of the Commonwealth Occupation forces when they returned to Melbourne today.

Father McCarthy, however, described as "grossly untrue" allegations that the orphanage of Hiroshima had been established to care for the illegitimate children of the occupation troops.

He said the orphanage was solely for the care of orphans who had been made homeless by the atom bomb.

The fact that no child in the orphanage was younger than 3½ years was sufficient evidence to clear the Commonwealth Occupation forces of the allegations, Father McCarthy added.—Reuter.

U.S. MILITARY AID FOR WESTERN UNION?

Washington, Apr. 25.

Informed Congressional sources today said that President Truman would send Congress a plan for limited shipments of American arms to the five-nation "Western Union" within the next three weeks.

The plan already has been presented informally to the Senate President (Senator Arthur Vandenberg) by the Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett) in two private conferences.

Patterned after wartime Lend-Lease, American military backing would be provided for the five nations which last month signed a mutual defence and economic pact at Brussels.

The Executive Committee of the Western Union—comprising Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—met for the first time in London yesterday. It is expected to establish a permanent military committee immediately, probably including representatives of the five General Staffs.

Action of that type is being awaited in both Congressional and administration circles as a prelude to assurances of American military backing.

Truman Pledge

The United States plan has not been put in final form, but the return of the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) from Bogota, Colombia, may put new pressure behind it.

The Lend-Lease plan stems from a pledge made before Congress by Mr. Truman on the day the Brussels pact was signed March 17.

At that time, the chief executive said, "I am sure the determination of the free countries of Europe to protect themselves will be matched by equal determination on our part to help them do so."

It is in fulfillment of this pledge that a programme to send limited quantities of United States guns, munitions and planes to Europe is being drafted by State Department and Army officials.

Government sources believe only limited shipments will be

requested because of America's own defence needs and the top limit which can be mustered by the five nations.

The military plan would be separate from the European Recovery Programme, but Congressional sources said it would try to accomplish what the ERP sought to do on the economic front. That adds up to stabilisation of Western Europe and strengthening of the free Governments.—United Press.

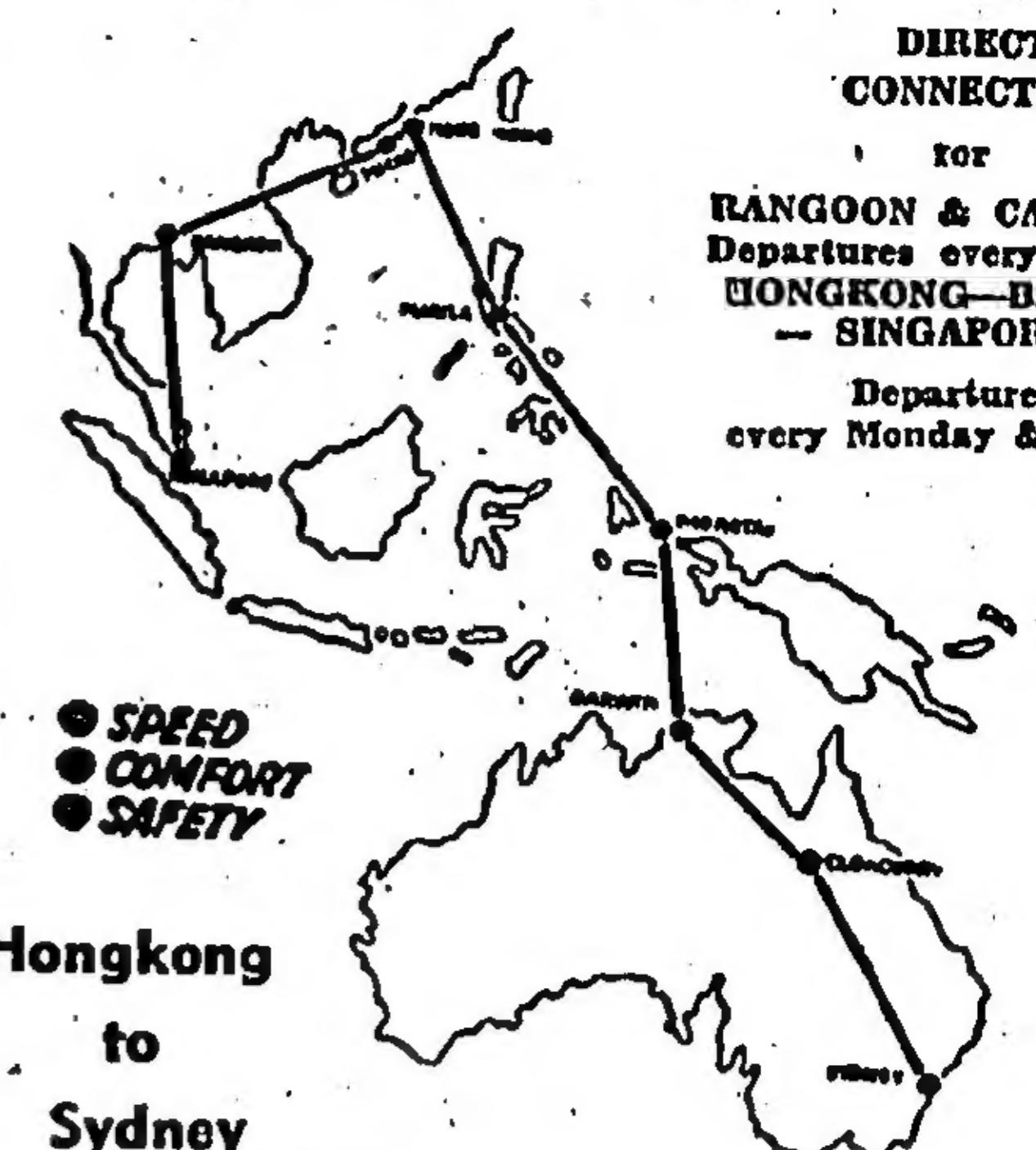
TO STAY AWAY

London, Apr. 25. Mr. Hugh Dalton, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, confirmed at a press conference that none of the 16 Socialist parties of Europe would be represented at the Federalist Conference at The Hague in May.

The 16 Socialist parties will meet again in Vienna on June 4, when the Ruhr question, which was discussed inconclusively, will be taken up.—Reuter.

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Woman Today

FEMINITY IS BACK IN ALL ITS BILLLOWY FRILLY SOFTNESS

In the world of fashion, we are coming to believe that almost anything can happen! Today's style cycle has made a broader sweep than usual, reaching farther back into the past and encompassing within its scope much that lies between.

Here, in 1948, are the wavy waistless, basques, looped and draped skirts of the 1870's and 1880's, and the ruffled petticoats of the early 1900's.

Nearly every day something old is new again!

But so far Dame Fashion has not drawn within her orbit the accessories and knick-knacks that were the delight of fashionable ladies of bygone eras. Some of them, forgotten for decades, built a unique niche for themselves in fashion's whirligig.

One charming accessory of other years that many of us would welcome back is the sunshade; indeed, fashion is already forecasting its return. Why it ever went out is a mystery.

It was practical and a flattering addition to any woman's costume, whether spread above her head or twirled about carelessly grace in her hand. There were many beautiful parasols, dressy ones of "changeable" silk, elegant pure white ones with curved ivory handles, and practical ones of natural pongee, lined with green silk to give extra protection against the sun's rays.

Also, to complete the summer costume were mitts. These were usually of silk, some of them almost cobwebby in texture, others with exquisite lace patterns.

Black and white were the most popular, with pastel colours for

young girls; and mitts came in two lengths, wrist and elbow.

They were so much cooler than gloves, and here's wistfully hoping that we shall see them again soon.

Feathers And Frills

And, since we're on the subject of accessories, I would remind you of the feather box, usually of finely curled ostrich, and a softly flattering finish to day or evening costume when secured loosely about the neck with ribbons to match the colour of the feathers.

Of course, these were for looks only. For real comfort, there was the practical collarlet of fur, with high collar that came well up over one's ears in the winter. This was a detached piece that could be worn over any coat and these are coming in again.

Children's apparel shows the "new look," too, and one wonders whether we shall see old-fashioned pinwafers once more. They were charming on demure little girls of another generation who wore them to school over their wool frocks in the winter.

Pinwafers were usually made of dimity or muslin, trimmed with lace-edged ruffles, often with crisply starched shoulder wings. And when we returned from school in the afternoon, the pinwafers were replaced... by the—practical, long-sleeved gingham tyer, to keep your dress clean."

Along with the new fullness, the drapes and loops in skirts, will the pocket of Grandmother's day return? (It would probably have a zipper this time!) That pocket was always more or less of a mystery to us children; but

Grandmother never had any trouble in finding it in the voluminous folds of her skirt.

Grandmother's Day

It's pleasant to know that femininity is back, in all its billowy, frilly softness. Once more it's possible to buy in the shops lovely Val laces, insertions and braidings through which dainty ribbons are run when used on lingerie (they used to be called "baby ribbons"), with black velvet ribbon for frocks.

Remember the deep yokes of all-over embroidery in summer dresses? They were usually finished with a lace-edged ruffle joined to the dress with a band of beading through which velvet ribbon was laced, finishing with a rosette on the left shoulder.

All this talk of lace and ribbon reminds me of the dainty night-gowns (always with sleeves and plenty of petticoats), camisoles, and ruffled petticoats of varying lengths and the dainty dressing sacques of flowered lawn for summer wear at home.

This popular garment was sold in high-class city shops well after the turn of the century. For winter wear, these were made of challis, flannel, or albatross, and were trimmed with silk or velvet.

Switching to outer garments of yester-year, there is one in particular that I should like to wear again (slender straws in the fashion wind indicate a possibility), and that is the golf cape, so popular in the late 1890's and early 1900's.

Why it was so named, I don't know, but every schoolgirl, to be well dressed, had to have a golf cape!

It was made of heavy wool coat fabric, usually reversible—plain on one side and plaid on the other. The cape was made full and came well below the hips; the hood was made from the plaid side of the goods. Well—hoods are here anyway!

And so one waits, with pleasant, nostalgic expectancy, to see what fashion, dipping into the limbo of other years, will come up with next!



This Navy Blue wool felt boater with side loops of red, white and blue Petersham ribbon, trimmed with white tie veil, was seen during a display of British summer millinery in London a fortnight ago. (A. P. Photo)

How to Buy a Hat: Consider Colour Effect

BY NINON

Every woman wants a hat to do something for her. It must be becoming in line and colour and it must make people notice her.

In determining the colour of a hat, some serious thought is necessary. A woman must take three things into consideration:

1.—The costume or costumes with which she expects to wear the hat.

2.—The colour of her skin, hair and eyes.

3.—The millinery shapes being featured in the shops.

Each hat the shopper tries on must be quickly analyzed from all three standpoints. And, if a woman cannot hear herself think while her milliner is talking, she should ask for three minutes of silence before making up her mind to accept or reject a style.

Never fall in love with a hat and then look for a costume to go with it. Select a dress or suit and then the accessories. If possible, choose a hat at the same time—the new outfit is selected.

A woman's hat must harmonize with her costume and flatter her face. Some women manage to do all right with what they call a "colour sense," or feminine intuition, and others make a study of the rules of harmony.

Regardless of different intensities and hues, together with fashion names that change from season to season, the three groups of colours are the bases of all simple or complicated colour schemes.

In millinery, the designers have created colours and combinations of colours that are feminine, delicate and utterly charming. Everything has been done this season to help a woman achieve a "pretty" look.

Beige neutrals of wheat, chamomile, natural and burnt (a gentle brown) are popular, together with pure white and gray. Navy blue is regarded as a flattering colour to virtually all complexions.

In bright colours, the favourites are yellow, tangerine, orange, red, pine-green. These are much used in hats, as well as in trimmings for neutrals.

New materials introduce citrus-green, pale-yellow, pink and maize (or violet).



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Joint Sino-American Programme?**Port At Whampoa : Naval Bases**

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—The recent visit to South China of United States officials who joined with Chinese authorities in inspecting agricultural, electric power and harbour facilities, today was linked to reports that the Chinese Government is preparing a South China development programme of considerable magnitude.

Both military and economic considerations are said to be involved, with the use of some of the funds appropriated by the United States Congress playing a major role. The Chinese and American Governments will be joint administrators in setting up the programme.

Japanese technicians who have remained in South China since V-J Day as advisers in technical developments, particularly on Hainan Island, also will be employed, it is said.

A source close to the Government here said the programme will cover Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Kiangsi and Hunan provinces, as well as Hainan and Taiwan Island.

Organisations representing China were listed as the Kwangtung Provincial Government, the National Resources Commission, the National Economic Council, the Ministry of Water Conservation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Defence Bases

Funds for the projects ostensibly would be provided through the sale of commodities to be sent to China under the commodity funds provisions of the \$463,000,000 United States aid programme. Some of the operational methods and administrative procedures for raising and expending the proceeds in Chinese currency, were outlined in the letter of intent submitted to the Chinese Government at Washington.

The main points of the programme include:

1. Building up the ports of Whampoa in Kwangtung, Tsao-ying in Taiwan, and Hohow in Hainan, as top-flight naval bases and training centres for the Navy, Army and Air Forces.

The American Advisory Group in China would play a major role in this development, working with the Generalissimo's field headquarters at Canton, and high Navy, Army and Air Force personnel.

Soong Plan

2. The tapping of mineral resources, the establishment of small plants for national defence.

3. The approaches to the AICC meeting were lined with about 100 Communists shouting slogans for the release of Communists recently arrested all over India.

The demonstrators were dispersed by the police after an hour.

The AICC ended its two-day open session tonight after setting

up a standing committee to examine the India Government's industrial policy in the light of the Congress Party's economic programme.

Pandit Nehru will be the committee's chairman.

Anti-Franco Resolution

Paris, Apr. 25.—

A resolution by the Spanish Socialist Party calling for abolition of the Franco regime and prompt establishment of democratic liberalism in Spain was unanimously adopted tonight during the 15-nation Socialist Conference here.

"The Conference considers Spain to be an integral part of European unity and that the only obstacle to its full integration lies in the maintenance of the Franco regime," the resolution declared.—Reuters.

R.A.F. Visits Sweden

London, Apr. 26.—

The Royal Air Force has arranged an exchange of visits with the Royal Swedish Air Force during the next two months, the Air Ministry announced on Sunday.

A squadron of Hornet fighters will leave for Sweden on May 29, spend a week at a base near Stockholm, move to Gothenburg to stay from May 28 to May 30 and return to the United Kingdom on May 31.

The Royal Swedish Air Force will return the visit early in June and its squadron will stay at an R.A.F. fighter command station.—Associated Press.

Jerusalem To Be An Open City?

Lake Success, Apr. 25.—

Emergency steps designed to make Jerusalem virtually an open city took top priority in the United Nations today.

Many United Nations delegates have almost abandoned hope of obtaining an effective truce in the Holy Land but seek a way to spare Jerusalem's holy places.

Alexandre Parodi of France, put before the Assembly Political Committee a resolution intended to place Jerusalem under United Nations care promptly.

Parodi's resolution will be debated in the political committee tomorrow.

Parodi indicated that he hopes the United Nations will be able to agree on Palestinian guards in Jerusalem to protect the city if it becomes a United Nations responsibility.—Associated Press.

No Censorship Of U.S. Activity In Germany

Berlin, Apr. 26.—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor, reaffirmed today his open "goldfish bowl" policy, and flatly denied there was or would be any censorship of American military government activities in Germany.

"There is no change in our policy," he told the United Press. "The only information I ordered to be withheld other than for security reasons is that of private correspondence."

He said such private correspondence would include personal letters sent him by members of Congress.

"In such cases it would be up to the Congressman to make the information public if he wanted," he said.

The American Military Governor said in the past there have been instances of military government officials giving out information of this nature.

Clay added: "I will say again anything concerning the official conduct of military government operations in Germany is open to the press for public examination anytime. We have not and will not install censorship of any sort."

He said he would notify his army public information chief, Col. David M. Fowler, of the misinterpretation by newsmen of the new directive. He said Fowler would be redivised what the directive was meant to cover in order there would be no misunderstanding.

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Chronic Habit

Answering galls for the inclusion of "Gandhian economists" and "radical elements" in the committee, Pandit Nehru declared at today's meeting, "I wish to point out that large numbers of people have fleeced Mahatma Gandhi's fundamental and basic ideals. It has become an almost chronic habit with many in India to talk of Gandhi's ideologies when it suits them and go against them when it does not."

He added: "Many who have been regarded as radicals are in fact reactionaries. Probably the most reactionary people in India today are the Communists"—Reuters.

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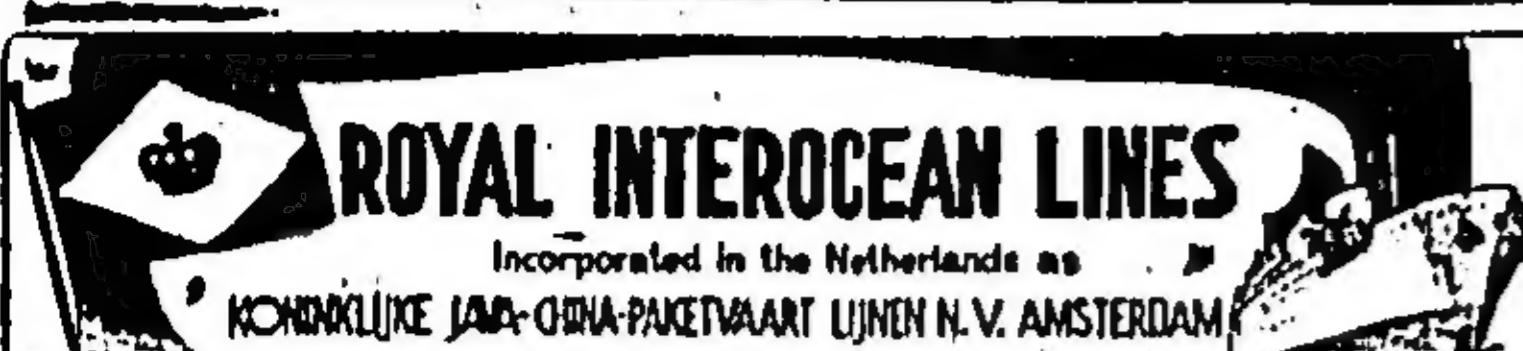
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H. K. China (P.R.C.) 10th.

H. K. China (1949) 10th.

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U. Waterboats 20th.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. & K. Wharves (1941) 10th, 10th.

X.O.s.

(New) 1st, 1st, 10th.

H. K. Docks X.D. 22th, 22th, 22th.

China Provident 24th, 25th, 24th.

Bank Dockyards 25th, X.D.s.

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H. K. Mines 6th, 7th.

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H. K. & R. Hotels 18th, 18th.

H. K. Lands 5th, 6th, 6th.

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H. K. Construction 18th.

H. K. Transport 23th, 23th, 23th.

Bank Trans. (Old) 23th.

Bank Trans. (New) 23th, 23th.

C. Lights (Old) 21th, 21th, 21th.

C. Lights (New) 19th, 20th, 20th.

H. K. Electric 6th, 6th, 6th.

Mines Electric 12th.

Shanghai Light 12th.

Telephone (Old) 43th, 6th.

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INDUSTRIALS

Unit, Muang (Old) 21th, 21th.

Cement 4th, 4th, 4th.

H. K. Ropes 26th, 26th, 26th.

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Dry Goods 10th, 10th, 10th.

Wharf, Dray 10th, 10th, 10th.

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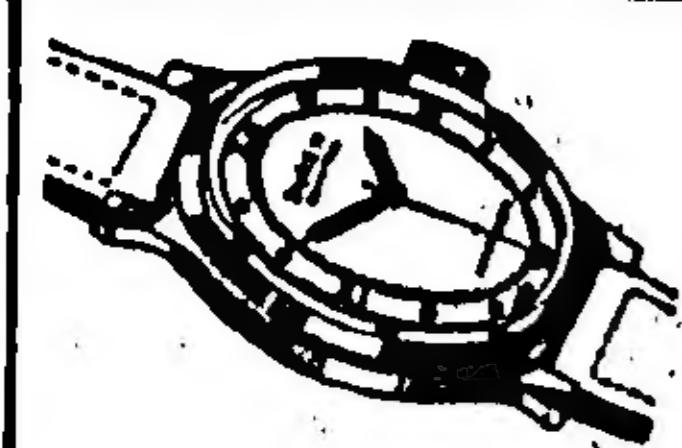
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Drove Without Licence

That he was driving a sick friend was the excuse given to the police by Fung Pan, 23, clerk of the Belgian Bank, when he was arrested by Insp. J. Hayward on the Repulse Bay Road at 12.25 a.m., on April 24, said Insp. H. Brownrigg at the Central Magistracy yesterday when he was prosecuting Fung. He was charged with driving without a licence and driving without due care and caution.

Defendant pleaded "Guilty." Insp. Brownrigg said that defendant was in front of Insp. Hayward. For the part of a mile he held the crown of the road and Mr. Hayward could not overtake him.

When he was stopped it was discovered that he did not have a driving licence. He had with him another man who had a licence. Defendant said that he was driving the friend home as he was sick.

He was fined a total of \$150 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo on both charges,

Brothel Raided

A brothel at No. 84, Jaffe Road, second floor, protected by a bunch of plump acting as watchdogs and which managed to escape the arm of the law for some time, was finally brought to account when Sub-Insp. Hayward raided the premises at 1.35 a.m. yesterday.

The whole clan was used or a brothel, Inspector H. Moran told the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday when a 48-year-old female was charged with keeping a brothel. Five beds with five couples were found.

Pleading guilty, the woman was fined \$250 or one month on nonpayment plus two months imprisonment, the terms to run consecutively.

Tried To Bribe P.C.

Chin Chung (45), tinsmith, offered PC 1764 \$5 to release Lau Fu, 21-year-old female hawk, who the constable was bringing to the Shamshui Po Police Station at 8 p.m. on April 24 to be charged with causing an obstruction.

Instead of taking the money, the constable arrested Chin and charged him with offering a bribe. Before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Chin was found guilty and fined \$150 or six weeks' hard labour.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted.

Hawked Out Of Her Pitch

She had just received her "Hong Kong Telegraph" and was on her way to her fixed Queen's Theatre pitch when she was arrested, 50-year-old Tam Mai pleaded when she was brought up before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with hawking outside her licensed pitch.

The constable, who arrested her, told the Court that he kept the woman under observation for about 40 minutes outside the bluebird site.

Mr. d'Almeida fined Tam \$35,

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